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LAND AND LABOR.

We hear lately a great deal about Japanese and Chinese cheap labor, and the organs of the planters seem to be at sea in regard to what attitude to adopt on the much vexed and tangled labor question. One day they favor Japanese and will have no more Chinese, and the following day some "planter" from Queen street has seen them and they take the very opposite view.

And while these unreliable mouth-pieces of a certain clique are doing the weather-cock act they have lost sight of the so often mentioned "small farmer," and we hear no more of that *rara avis*. Has the plans and schemes in regard to the importation to these islands and the planting in our soil of the "small farmer" been abandoned? Is it possible that the eyes of our contemporaries and their backers have been opened to the fact frequently emphasized in our columns, that the "small farmer" is a chimera, and was only invented by local politicians to gain votes from the white workingmen and mechanics, who in theory at least are anti-Asiatics?

Chinese immigration has been absolutely checked. The deliberate deception and other means used by the unscrupulous agents who decoyed the men here, have been thoroughly exposed, and it will be found that no more cheap coolies will swallow the tempting bait of "two suits of clothes, free passage and unlimited wealth and grub." The Japanese will be equally careful in the future. They have seen that the Hawaiian Government is not over-particular in keeping its word and in observing treaty stipulations, and it is very reasonable that they will hesitate in coming here until some understanding has been arrived at, and a castiron agreement in regards to their rights made.

But the planters must have laborers, and we think it only right that the labor commissioners and other advocates of American laborers take the initiative step and immediately get us a few shiploads of them.

The beautiful land law has gone into operation and homesteads are plentiful and easy to obtain. For some reason which has been rather

mysterious to those not familiar with the inside working of the land law, there seems to be no anxiety on the part of people residing here to grasp at the "generous" chances offered them by the homestead commissioners.

When we notice certain statements of Commissioner J. F. Brown to an Advertiser reporter, the mystery in regard to the scarcity of applicants for homesteads ceases to be a mystery.

Mr. Brown tells the Advertiser that he proposes to survey Waimano valley on Hawaii, and lay it out in homesteads. He speaks very enthusiastically of the land, but admits that it is unsuited to coffee and will only answer for houselots. He adds that the commissioners are especially anxious to give these lands to Hawaiians. We believe him, but we should like to know where the inducement is for anybody—even a Hawaiian—to take up a homestead at Waimano, unfit, as Mr. Brown says, it is for coffee and other cultivation, and situated in such a place that "the surveyor who goes there must take his men with him in order to be sure he can have them from one day to another." "Food," he says also, "must be packed into the gulch and around with the men. These things don't add to the pleasures of surveying or make life for the men who do it one pleasant dream."

We didn't know by the way that the survey expeditions of our well-paid Government surveyors were to be considered as picnics or "pleasant dreams," but we would like to know what kind of dreams the small farmer who is induced to take a "house lot" in Waimano will have?

The principle underlying the land law and homestead acts is not altogether faulty or bad. But the land question must go hand in hand with the labor question. Until the latter is solved the surveying expeditions in search of "pleasant dreams," and the efforts to get ignorant people to take up homesteads will be so much labor and money lost. Let the labor question be put on a proper basis. Let us smooth out our differences with the Japanese and resume importation of Japanese laborers. And as far as the land question is concerned, let the authorities state bare and plain facts, and drop all embellishments and "land-booming" tactics which will only lead to disappointments, dissatisfaction, and eventually disaster to the Government and the country. Don't bring Chinese laborers here under false pretenses and do tell "the small farmer" what Waimano, etc., are—not in Mr. Brown's imagination—but in cold reality.

TOPICS OF THE DAY.

The Bulletin bicycle vote counters were otherwise engaged—and any way the holder of the box key was out of town—and one contestant withdrew. So the public's feverish anxiety not to put any votes in the box had to be allayed. In connection with these coupon idiocies advertisers will do well to bear in mind the test it allows for alleged circulation. Even with all the extra papers sold to backers of competitors how cheap the claims of alleged circulation have been shown to be.

The reported shortage in a certain government department of over \$3000 stolen during the last two years shows that the "best" and "wisest" government Hawaii ever had has not made great improvements in the systems and methods of old. There can be no doubt that the Auditor General's duties ought to be enlarged and not confined to the approving of vouchers. The accounts of the different departments and bureaus are now investigated once every second year by a committee from the legislature, composed of men who have other

things to look after and who generally lack the necessary qualification to experts accounts. It would be a wise move we submit, to give the Auditor General sufficient clerical assistance and then insist in a thorough investigation every quarter of all the accounts of the government. At the same time we believe it only fair to the taxpayers that all clerks handling government moneys should be placed under sufficient bonds. Then the treasury at least would not be the loser.

Says our elaborately boiler plated co-sutor in reference to the Chinese laborers recently imported, that when they "shall have sent word back home that it is no use scheming to get away from the bargain at Hongkong, there will not be like libood of much more trouble." Probably now that it is known here that scheming will not be permitted here to force laborers unwillingly into slavery without the British Government objecting, the bargains at Hongkong will not be such deliberate swindles as they have been.

It is very gratifying to notice that a conciliatory spirit now prevails and that there is a nearly unanimous sentiment in favor of releasing the few political prisoners yet confined in Oahu Prison. Some of the bitterest enemies of the men who took part in the "folly" of last January have adopted more lenient views and openly advocate the release of the prisoners either under a full pardon or on parole. We hope that the council of state will be found willing to respond to such christian and merciful sentiments from the large majority of the country.

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ATTORNEY-AT-LAW.

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NOTICE.

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DORCAS F. RICHARDSON,
Administratrix pro tem Estate Thomas W. Everett.
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LATE FOREIGN NEWS.

As Itemized from Exchanges By S. S. Monowai.

Japan has pacified Formosa
The Czar of Russia's coronation will take place on May 18th.

Riots have occurred in Marash and other places in Armenia.

France has annexed Huahine and Bolabola to the Society group.

Customs duties are to be collected by Canada at its Alaskan frontier.

It is officially denied that Russia has entered into a treaty with China.

Nine hundred people are said to have been massacred by Turks in Trebizond.

Great Britain seems to be left alone by the other great powers in pressing reforms in Turkish Armenia.

Great Britain expects another Ashantee war, as the King of that nation has rejected the ultimatum sent him.

Two houses have been destroyed by a gas explosion in the Stream, London. Four persons were killed and thirty others injured.

The Pall Mall Gazette urges the immediate occupation of Port Hamilton off the coast of Korea by Great Britain to save its trade in China.

It is officially announced that Princess Maud of Wales has been betrothed to the second son (Prince Charles) of the Crown Prince of Denmark.

As previously reported the new French treaty with Madagascar annuls all previous treaties and agreements between the Hovas and other nations.

M. Bourgeois is forming a new Ministry in Paris owing to the crisis caused by the vote to authorize the Legislative inquiry into the Southern Railway scandal.

War scares as to the attitude of Great Britain and Russia toward China seem to be still prevalent. The London Standard states if Russia and China have formed the treaty it cannot be allowed to stand.

It is reported that five Russian men-of-war are at Port Arthur, while nine more are lying outside. The Japanese are evacuating Liaotung peninsula where Port Arthur is situated. The Japanese indemnity is to be paid in Japan on the 8th November.

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Timely Topics.

Honolulu, Oct. 25, 1895.

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It has been a great help to people living in the country that we have introduced the celebrated Aermotor in these islands. Many people have availed themselves of the golden opportunity to purchase one of our galvanized Aermotors, and they have in all instances expressed themselves as highly satisfied with the bargain.

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